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EX PARTE NOTICE

September 28, 2018

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 160(c) to Accelerate Investment in Broadband and Next-Generation Networks*, WC Docket 18-141; *Restoring Internet Freedom*, WC Docket No. 17-108; *Business Data Services in an Internet Protocol Environment*, WC Docket No. 16-143.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Wednesday, September 26, 2019, Clay Bailey, incoming SVP Public Policy, John Jones, retiring SVP Public Policy, and David Bartlett, VP Public Policy, on behalf of CenturyLink, met with Chairman Ajit Pai, and Jay Schwarz, Legal Advisor to Chairman Pai. They discussed CenturyLink's transformation over the years as it has become a leading global communications and information technology services provider. They also discussed how the company's network and services are connecting customers to the power of the digital world. CenturyLink supports Chairman Pai's efforts to close the digital divide and facilitate the rollout of 5G services, which will require extensive fiber connectivity. CenturyLink expressed support and appreciation for the Commission's efforts to promote these investments and new services through the above-captioned proceedings. The pro-competitive and de-regulatory framework that the Commission has established and is continuing to pursue for the Internet and legacy telecommunications networks will allow for the most efficient and rapid transition to our digital future.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, a copy of this notice is being filed in the above-referenced docket. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Copy via email to: Jay Schwarz